

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : John Scumniotales et al.
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For : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OBJECT-ORIENTED
MANAGEMENT OF MULTI-DIMENSIONAL DATA

Examiner : Chia-Yi Liu
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 29, 2007, applicants hereby provisionally elect **with traverse**, Group II, claims 32-100 for examination at this time. **Applicants further propose modification of Group II to include claims 23-31 for the reasons discussed below.** Accordingly, in the event Applicants' suggestion is approved, elected and revised Group II would include claims 23-100.

Specifically, claims 1-236 are currently pending in this application. Applicants are traversing the Restriction Requirement in order to recommend a modification to Group II. The Examiner has included for examination in Group II claims 32-100 as "drawn to managing and analyzing investments of an organization." Applicants hereby propose that Group II be modified to include for examination claims 23-31, which the Examiner has placed into Group I, at least for the following reasons.

Group I is characterized by the Examiner as "drawn to managing a plurality of types of enterprise portfolio data." Applicants believe that apparatus claims 23-31 are more

properly characterized by the description of Group II and recite language similar to the apparatus claims 83-100 in Group II. Specifically, claims 23-31 are directed to a system for “managing and analyzing enterprise portfolio data” that comprises a “portfolio manager” and a “portfolio analyzer” wherein the “views dynamically calculate and present multi-dimensional characterizations of the portfolio data while items are added using the portfolio manager.” The system claims 83-100 that are part of Group II are for “... managing and analyzing investments” and comprise a “portfolio management component” and a “portfolio analysis component” wherein “multi-dimensional views of the matching objects are computed and displayed dynamically.” Accordingly, given the similarities of the recited language, a similar search is likely to be performed for both sets of apparatus claims, and the same references applied to the claims 83-100 are likely to be the applied by the Examiner to claims 23-31. Thus, amending Group II to include claims 23-31 should not impose any additional burden on the Examiner.

Based upon the above recommendations, Applicants respectfully request modification of the Restriction Requirement and prompt consideration of the elected claims. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to promptly contact Applicants’ representative at (206) 622-4900 to resolve any such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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